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1. BELOW IS TEXT OF RWANDA/BURUNDI SITREP CIRCULATED IN
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2. BEGIN SITREP TEXT:

RWANDA/BURUNDI SITREP FOR APRIL 28

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SITUATION ON THE GROUND:

RWANDA: EMBASSY FSNS REPORT THAT THERE IS ONLY SPORADIC
GUNFIRE IN KIGALI AND THAT THE FIGHTING APPEARS TO BE
MOVING AWAY FROM THE CENTER OF TOWN AND TOWARD THE
AIRPORT. RWANDAN MILITARY OFFICIALS SAY THE FIGHTING IS
CONTINUING, BUT AT DIMINISHED LEVELS. (AF/C TELCON WITH
KIGALI)

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EMBASSY FSN STAFF WHO HAVE VISITED THE EMBASSY REPORT THAT THE EMBASSY HAS NOT/NOT BEEN LOOTED. THE EMBASSY IS COMPLETELY IN TACT. THE THREE GUARDS WHO WERE ON DUTY WHEN EMBOFFS WERE PLANNING EVACUATION CONVOYS ARE STILL ON GUARD AND REPORT THAT NO ONE HAS ATTEMPTED TO ENTER THE COMPOUND. (AF/C TELCON WITH KIGALI)

BURUNDI: BURUNDI REMAINS CALM BUT TENSE. A 20-MINUTE EXCHANGE OF GUNFIRE AT 3 AM IN THE SUBURBS OUTLYING BUJUMBURA WOKE MUCH OF THE CAPITAL. AS PART OF THE ONGOING UN-SPONSORED NEGOTIATIONS TO END THE VIOLENCE IN SUBURBAN AREAS, MILITIA LEADERS WERE EXPECTED TO VOLUNTARILY TURN OVER SOME WEAPONS TO THE GOVERNMENT THIS AFTERNOON. OAU REPRESENTATIVES AND THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS ARE EXPECTED TO BE ON HAND TO WITNESS THIS CONFIDENCE-BUILDING EVENT. (AF/C TELCON WITH BUJUMBURA)

DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS

UNSC IS CONSIDERING URGING THE GOR TO CALL FOR AN END TO THE KILLINGS OF CIVILIANS. THE CZECHS AND ARGENTINES ARE WORKING ON A DRAFT STATEMENT ON GENOCIDE IN RWANDA. THE

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COUNCIL HINTED THAT IF THERE IS A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN RWANDA, AN EVEN LARGER PKO MIGHT BE SENT TO RWANDA. GENERAL DALLAIRE, THE UNAMIR FORCE COMMANDER, PLANS TO TRAVEL TO THE RPF'S HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN RWANDA TODAY TO DISCUSS A UN PROPOSED CEASEFIRE WITH THE RPF. .
(USMISSION UN NEW YORK 1776)

AF DAS BUSHNELL TELEPHONED RWANDAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE CABINET DIRECTOR COL. BAGASORA TODAY TO URGE AN END TO THE KILLINGS. BAGASORA RESPONDED WITH THE PARTY LINE: THAT THE RPF OFFENSIVE IS TRIGGERING THE MASSACRES AND THAT A CEASE-FIRE IS NEEDED FIRST. DAS BUSHNELL CONFRONTED HIM WITH EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS OF RWANDAN ARMY COMPLICITY IN THE KILLINGS, AND SAID THE WORLD DID NOT BELIEVE THEIR PARTY LINE. THIS SOBERED HIM UP, AND HE PROMISED TO PASS THE MESSAGE TO THE MILITARY LEADERSHIP TO SEE IF A COMPROMISE WAS POSSIBLE. HE PROMISED TO CALL BACK WITH AN ANSWER. (AF TELCON WITH KIGALI)

MINISTER OF COMMERCE MUGENZI AND MRND POLITICAL PARTY LEADER NGIRUMPATSE IN A PRESS CONFERENCE IN NAIROBI YESTERDAY DEPLORED THE KILLINGS IN RWANDA BUT INSISTED ON

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LINKING THEM TO RPF MILITARY ACTIONS. THEIR STATEMENT WAS CONSISTENT WITH WHAT COL. BAGASORA SAID TO DAS BUSHNELL. (WASHINGTON POST 4/28)

THE VATICAN ISSUED A PRESS STATEMENT CALLING FOR AN INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE ON RWANDA. PARTICIPANTS WOULD INCLUDE THE GOR, RPF, HEADS OF NEIGHBORING AND WESTERN COUNTRIES MOST INVOLVED OR INTERESTED IN THE REGION'S DEVELOPMENT. (FBIS BRUSSELS 1241)

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THE GOB REFUSED RWANDAN INTERIM GOVERNMENT FOREIGN MINISTER BICAMUMPAKA A VISA TO COME TO BELGIUM. BELGIUM WANTS A CLEAR AND PUBLIC DISAVOWAL OF RWANDAN GOVERNMENT ACCUSATIONS THAT BELGIUM WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA. (BRUSSELS 4736)

NO TALKS ON THE RWANDAN PEACE PROCESS ARE SCHEDULED FOR THIS WEEKEND IN EITHER ARUSHA OR DAR ES SALAAM. THE GOR DELEGATION IN DAR ES SALAAM IS SCHEDULED TO SEE PRESIDENT MWINYI THIS AFTERNOON. (DAR ES SALAAM 2614)

HUMANITARIAN ISSUES:

THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT ISSUED PASSES TO ALL INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN RELIEF ORGANIZATION PERSONNEL STILL IN KIGALI, ALLOWING THEM TO MOVE FREELY ABOUT TOWN. ACCORDING TO HOLDERS OF THESE PASSES, THEY ARE BEING RESPECTED BY BOTH THE RGF AND RPF AT ROAD BLOCKS THROUGHOUT THE CITY. (AF/C TELCON WITH KIGALI)

ON APRIL 27, A CANADIAN RELIEF FLIGHT DELIVERED 16.5 MT OF MEDICINES FOR ICRC, 2,000 JERRY CANS, AND UNICEF BISCUITS. THE FLIGHT SCHEDULED FOR TODAY WILL DELIVER 200 ROLLS OF PLASTIC SHEETING, AND ADDITIONAL MEDICAL SUPPLIES. CURRENT RELIEF STAFF IN KIGALI INCLUDE 15 ICRC, 2 MSF/INTERNATIONAL (FRANCE), 4 UN ADVANCE HUMANITARIAN TEAM MEMBERS (2 DHA, 1 UNICEF, 1 UNHCR). (NAIROBI 7574)

ICRC IS SETTING UP THREE CAMPS IN BURUNDI FOR RWANDESE REFUGEES. ICRC EXPECTS A TOTAL OF 26,000 REFUGEES, 15,000

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OF WHICH ARE ALREADY IN BURUNDI. (NAIROBI 7574)

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